

I would like to go on record for supporting the ARRL proposal (RM-10867) but with some modifications as expressed in proposal (RM-10868). I believe the new licensing structure proposed by the ARRL would assist the Amateur Radio community in gaining strength and making strides to assist in the event of emergencies. The Amateur Radio community is an important link in the emergency communications network, and therefore I agree with the ARRL recommendation.

However I do strongly agree with the statements made in proposal Rm-10868 to change the existing Amateur Radio questions pool and bring them into compliance with international and federal law. Testing questions for any of the Amateur Radio license classes should not be available for memorization. Test pool questions should not be made public, and should be randomly changed to remain current with technology. Amateur Radio Operators are given the privilege to build radio equipment. The testing questions need to be consistent with that privilege and must insure that advanced operators have this knowledge before given this freedom. Today's methods of providing test pool questions does not foster this knowledge, in fact, it defeats it. Questions need to be kept from the public domain.

As for the Morse code requirement, I believe it should be required only for the Amateur Extra class license, but deleted from the requirements of the first two licensing classes. Novice and General class licenses should no longer have a code requirement.

Thank you.

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